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1. Soviet motives in removing blockade--US Embassy Moscow believes that the continuation of "semi-blockade" conditions in Berlin substantiates the theory that removal of the counter-blockade was a primary Soviet objective in agreeing to end the blockade. The Embassy points out that, although the western powers are justified in feeling that the blockade has not yet been fully removed, Soviet expectations of an automatic flow of goods to Eastern Germany have also not yet been fulfilled.

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The Embassy also reports that the Soviet press has thus far reflected no Soviet attitudes which would preclude far-reaching Soviet concessions on Germany. The Embassy notes, however, that general press comment has been preparing the way for a propaganda charge of Western responsibility for any breakdown of the Council of Foreign Ministers meeting.

2. US attitude toward French policy in Indochina--The Department of State has advised US missions in Indochina and France of its view that the French Government is unlikely to make further concessions in Indochina at this time and that any US pressure for greater concessions would "probably miscarry." The Department expresses its hope that France will quickly carry out its obligations under the 8 March agreements and that the Vietnamese nationalists will prefer cooperation with Bao Dai to continued resistance and the possible loss of all real autonomy to the Chinese Communists. The Department adds that the US will not be inclined to make up for French deficiencies by supporting the Bao Dai agreement at the cost of its remaining prestige in Asia.

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3. COLOMBIA: Political disorders expected-- [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] President Ospina of Colombia has rejected demands recently made upon him by the Liberal Party and has replaced Liberal Party ministers in his Cabinet with Conservatives, three of them Army officers. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the Liberal Party directorate is undecided as to retaliation it should take. Meanwhile, the Government has alerted the police and the Army to expect disorders.

(CIA Comment: Sporadic violence will continue in Colombia but it will probably not reach the proportions of a civil war.)

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